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RECALL AGAINST GREER BEING CIRCULATED.

We understand Enderites are circulating a petition for the recall of Greer. Just what the charges are we have not heard. No matter about that, however. It is utterly impossible for Enders, or any of his satellites, to desire Greer off of the springs water commission more than Greer, himself, desires to be off. Ever since a year ago last January, at which time Greer prepared his resignation, which would have been filed then but for the earnest solicitation of many who have the success of the springs enterprise at heart, Greer has served against his own judgment as well as his business interest and desire.

If Enders will present the recall petition Greer himself will sign it. It is our judgment that any man who has not sense enough to resign from such a thankless job ought to be recalled. The fact that he sticks with such character assassins as Enders and his backers wielding any considerable influence in the community is evidence prima facie of imbecility and unfitness for the place.

Greer's enemies have been kind enough frequently to remind him that he has lost the confidence of the people of Ashland. Greer has not, nor does he now believe anything of the kind. If so, he is at a loss to know why confidence has been withdrawn. He has simply gone forward with the work the best he knew how, looking only to the success of the enterprise, paying absolutely no attention to his defamers.

Greer would like to see the matter put to a vote. Unless he has the moral support of the people he has no desire to pursue the work further. He realizes fully the great possibility in the undertaking, but he also realizes that there is a big job ahead for the man who undertakes to organize and popularize Ashland as a resort city. Whoever carries it through successfully must have the undivided support of citizens and the power must be given him to do it in spite of the kickers.

Enders has been bitterly antagonistic to the springs water development ever since it appeared that the development of the park up the canyon would help to establish the Plaza as the business section. His opposition has been purely selfish. As Greer was at the head of the commission and insisted on the development going forward as planned, he has had to take the brunt of his criticism and vilification. So far he has done so with little resentment, feeling that the public understood the situation and would pay little attention to Enders' criticism and slander.

The time is now at hand when it should be finally determined whether the people of Ashland stand with Enders in his opposition to the springs project, or with Greer.

Unless the people are still behind Greer in the work he has no desire to pursue it further. No one can make a success of the undertaking without the solid support of the people. The undertaking is too important to allow personalities to enter into it. The question should be: Has Greer the ability and disposition to carry the enterprise forward to success? If not, he should get out of the way. In spite of individuals the thing must go forward to success.

The physical plant, which constitutes but the foundation for a watering resort, is about completed. The successful resort is still to be accomplished. The degree of success attained will be determined by how well the resort features are planned and executed. That is no boy's job. It will take a lot of thought, and energy, and co-operation to accomplish it. Whoever makes it succeed will

have to work intelligently, day and night, and put into action good organizing ability. He will have no time for bickering and fighting people of the town.

Enders has started a recall. Greer is in favor of it getting to a vote. If the majority of the people think Greer's usefulness in the enterprise is at an end, he will take his medicine without a sigh or ill feeling. The success of the enterprise is more important than Greer's feelings. If you think Greer is unfit for the place, pull him out. That is the prerogative of the citizenry.

However glad Greer would be to get out, he will not resign under fire. The people must say whether Greer stays in or gets out. Whatever that judgment may be, he will be satisfied.

NOT WITHOUT CREDIT.

"A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." The poetry of Bobby Burns was not appreciated till he had been dead a hundred years. The works of Shakespeare laid dust covered on bookstall shelves so long that when dragged out the evidence of authorship had been effaced by time.

Such is the lot of those who were away in public service. It has always been, and likely always will be, the mood of society in the aggregate. Those who enter service in the interest of society should expect nothing less. Therefore, the only warranted hope of the public benefactor is to so build that, at least, future generations will render the credit due. For the present he must work with an eye single to the results he aims at, allowing no fickle sentiment or criticism to turn him from his steady course. Human society always has, some time, and always will, some day, render justice, honor and praise to those who have been real public benefactors. Work worthily and well done will surely, some time, bring its proper reward. It is the law.

The springs water commission has decided not to contest the jurisdiction of the park commission in Lithia Park. As soon as the development work is completed the matter will be taken to the people through an election. Whether the park commission or the springs commission is in authority in forwarding the resort features of the springs project, special funds must be provided for the work. It will take money to put Ashland on the map as a successful watering resort. As funds are not available, either for the park commission or springs commission, adequate to the needs, an election to vote the necessary funds will be necessary. At the same election the jurisdiction can be determined. In the meantime the springs commission and the Tidings will co-operate with the park board in every manner possible to make the undertaking a success. The springs commission has had no criticism of any member of the park board. Its experience in the work leads it to but one conclusion: the commission that handles the springs and resort matter should have jurisdiction over the complete, work, including publicity, park authority and physical plant. The three are so closely connected that none of them can be successfully handled without friction, unless all are directed by the same power.

DEFACING THE HIGHWAYS.

Grants Pass Courier: The demand of the club women of southern Oregon in convention at Ashland, that the law prohibiting signs upon the Pacific Highway can be fully met through enforcement by the officials of the act placed upon the statute books by the 1915 legislature. This act prohibits signs, placards, posters, etc., upon state highways, the Pacific Highway clearly coming within the provisions of the statute. Section 2 of the act reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to paste, paint, brand or in any manner whatsoever place or attach to any building, fence, gate, bridge, tree, rock, board, structure, or anything whatever, within the limits of any state highway, or upon the property of another within the view of such highway without the owner's written consent, and written, printed, painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, picture, card or poster, except within the limits of any city, town or village through which said highway may run."

The act excepts from the provisions of the act such notices as are required by law to be posted. This is a most comprehensive statute, and if properly enforced would add much to the beauty of the highways.

For years there has been a mania with billposters to deface points of scenic attraction with gaudy advertisements of their wares, and as one would gaze in awe upon a wonder Nature had wrought he would have his vision filled with a glaring demand that you chew such a brand of gum or smoke another brand of tobacco.

The large majority given Olcott over Moores in the state republican primary tells a story that should be heeded by standpat republicans. Moores is a clean and capable man, his only handicap being his adherence to the old republican machine. Olcott has fought for clean, independent politics and holds service above party regularity. His large majority over Moores can mean but one thing. Oregon republicans are progressive, first, last and all the time, and honor the man with independence and courage enough to stand for his opinions regardless of party bossism. So mote it forever be.

The new Southern Pacific folder, "Oregon Outdoors," has just been issued. Three pictures of Ashland springs development are shown—the depot fountain, lithia fountain in the park and a creek view showing the two falls just below the park entrance. It carries a page and a half on Ashland resort, and from an artistic standpoint is one of the finest folders ever produced by the Southern Pacific. A very large edition was printed and is a great advertisement for Ashland. The Southern Pacific Company is splendidly fulfilling its part in advertising Ashland.

Villa pleads that he isn't responsible for the Chihuahua affair, and we suppose he should be given the benefit of the doubt, only he mustn't do it again.

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The People's Forum

Ashland Waters Radio-Active.
(By A. W. Boslough, M. D.)

The question has frequently been asked, "What is meant by radio-activity?" a term applied to some of our mineral waters by different authorities.

The word 'radio-active' means that the substance in question has an inherent power to give off light and heat. This power is not confined to radium, but is also possessed by other substances, such as uranium and thorium. Radio-active waters are those which either carry radio-active substances in solution, or else carry charges of emanations from radio-active substances, of which group radium is the most important element.

In 1900 Professor and Madame Curie discovered radium, the presence of which was first detected by means of the electroscope. Radium is a substance of high atomic weight and is extracted from pitchblend, a substance which is found in old volcanic formations. Radium is difficult and expensive to isolate and, once isolated, must be kept in heavily leaded vaults to maintain its volume.

It is known that it discharges, at the sacrifice of its own volume and weight, intense rays of light and heat. The light is sufficient to take an X-ray picture, and the heat is sufficient to melt its own weight of ice every hour.

To appreciate why a substance is radio-active one must understand certain principles of physics:

1. That all matter is composed of atoms, and that these atoms, in turn, are composed of electrons. The electron is believed to be the smallest particle of matter and has been estimated to be a thousand times smaller than an atom. The electrons either carry charges of electricity, both positive and negative, or are themselves electric charges; their precise constitution is yet uncertain. It is, however, known that they are in constant motion, revolving and vibrating as rapidly as one thousand million times per second.

2. Power to change the state of rest or motion of matter is known as energy, and energy, like matter, can neither be created or destroyed. Stored up, energy is potential; utilized, it becomes kinetic. Radio-active waters are continually giving off their store of energy, inasmuch as radio-active substances are in a condition of perpetual vibration (motion).

3. The vibrations (revolutions and excursions) of radium and radio-active substances are transmitted and made appreciable through the medium of ether. Ether is a hypothetical substance, existing in and between the molecules of air and filling all of the interstellar spaces of the universe. Vibrations of this ether, at different rates, give rise to what we know as light, color and radiant heat.

Radium is an element of high atomic weight in which the electrons are closely crowded together and in a state of continual and extremely rapid motion. This constant electronic motion (electronic storm) causes some of the atoms or electrons to be shot off at an extremely high rate of speed. It is this continual loss of electrons which gives rise to light and heat waves and which makes a substance radio-active.

Radium emanations have been studied and three different kinds of rays have been found therein: First, the Alpha or positive rays; second, the Beta or negative rays; third, the Gamma or neutral rays.

The Gamma rays are stronger than the others from a photographic standpoint, and from a physiological standpoint are the most powerful in affecting the nutrition of the cells of the body.

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Radium emanations may be compared with the X-ray as regards the ability of both to cauterize and destroy the tissues of the body. It is a matter of common knowledge that

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prolonged exposures to either the X-ray or to radium produces severe burns with destruction of tissue. It is this property of radium which has been utilized in the treatment of cancer to destroy the tumor.

Experiments show that certain of the Ashland waters are radio-active; which radio-activity must be unquestionably be due to the presence of radium either carried in the water as the substance radium or its salts, in which case the waters will not lose their radio-activity and are more valuable from the fact that they can be bottled and transported. But if the radio-activity is due to absorption of radium emanations as the waters have percolated through radium-charged volcanic formations, then the radio-activity is soon lost upon shaking and handling.

The loss of volume in radium from its inherent power to give off light and heat has been estimated as one-half in a period of 1,760 years. In the next 1,760 years one-half of the remaining volume will be lost, and so on ad infinitum. By this we see that a given quantity of radium will never actually disappear, but that it will continually lose one-half of its volume every 1,760 years.

The activity of radium is measured by the so-called "Mache" unit. From five to twenty-five thousand mache units ingested daily is the approximate dosage.

A substance to be radio-active must be of high potential energy and must possess an inherent power to convert its potential into kinetic energy.

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